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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—For lower Michigan: Light snow or rain; variable winds.

## ONE DEMOCRAT CONSISTENT.

The Hon. Larry Neal, late of Ohio, but since the November election little heard from or talked about, has submitted to a newspaper interview, in which he gives his theory of the recent crashing which his party received from Governor McKinley. To the credit of Mr. Neal there is an air of honest conviction which pervades his diagnosis of the case which many another politician might do well to adopt. Mr. Neal's judgment, too, regarding some of the causes which gave McKinley \$1,000 plurality is to be commended. He evidently is not a candidate for the postoffice of his town nor in any other way courting the favor of the administration. He says: "Ninety-five per cent of all changes in the rules from the democratic to the republican party can be charged to the pension question and for this administration at Washington is directly responsible. The action of the pension department in the matter of suspensions, is utterly indefensible." With this, sensible persons of all parties will agree, although republicans must be excused if they do not believe his statement that the tariff issue had little to do with McKinley's handsome endorsement. The honesty of Mr. Neal's convictions is shown when he criticizes that provision of the Wilson bill which provides for a bounty on sugar. The bounty on sugar, when defended at all, must be on the lines of protection. Its basic principle is certainly protection and not free trade. That democrats tolerate in their bill the presence of any provision for bounty, no matter how small, is a truckling to the sugar planters of the south, and are admissions of the necessity and justice of the principle of protection, which at once contradicts their platform and brands every representative who votes for it as a political hypocrite and demagogue. Mr. Neal says he hopes to see the Wilson bill amended before its passage so as to repeal outright the provisions of the McKinley law for the payment of a bounty on sugar. Mr. Neal's utterances have the merit of consistency if not of discretion.

## START THE MINES.

The condition of the mines in the upper peninsula is indeed pitiable. The town of Wakefield, for instance, is a new place with about 900 inhabitants. The people are all miners, depending upon the operation of the mines for employment. That whole section of country felt the evil effects of the recent panic the same as the rest of the country. But it remained for the Wilson bill to take the duty off pig iron and remove any use for the existence of the town. With no duty on iron, the mine-owners claim they cannot operate with profit. While this is probably true, yet these men have a duty to society which they should not hesitate to perform. The mines can be operated even under present conditions, and some scale of wages paid to employees. Their condition is such that they will raise little question about the price paid for their labor, providing it is enough to buy bread and fuel. General Alger has taken it upon himself to interest the owners of these mines in the condition of their workmen. A few days ago he left for Cleveland to induce some of them to begin operations on some plan, but to start the mines in any event. It is to be hoped his efforts will be successful. Governor McKinley, with whom the general has been consulting, is seemingly much depressed over the condition of labor generally. Speaking of his inauguration, even to take place, he said: "In this time of suffering I do not approve of spending large sums of money in inaugural demonstrations. If I have my way, I shall walk into the senate, take the oath of office, and there will be no demonstration of any kind."

## MAKE NEEDED REPAIRS.

Perhaps no more valuable suggestion as to furnishing relief to unemployed labor in this city has been made, than that offered by a citizen of finding something for mechanics to do in making repairs on houses and other buildings. As a matter of fact one dollar spent in this manner will prove of more lasting value than double the amount handed out as a donation. To be sure there are many cases where relief in the shape of donations must and should be given, but where it is possible to have a man and his family eating the bread of independent labor, rather than of charity, it is greatly to be preferred. The man whose necessities are relieved by charity, if he has a spark of manhood in him, will not meet the donor in rather a shame-faced way than in a grateful one. The same amount given him as the reward of labor will cause him to feel that his manhood is unimpaired and still not detract from his appreciation of the kindness shown him. If every house, factory and store owner would see that needed repairs are made this winter, thousands of days work would be furnished.

## CHICAGO'S COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.

CHICAGO'S Columbian Museum has received, among other gifts, twenty bottles of rum from the Jamaica commission. It will come handy at board meetings when the bleak winds from Lake Michigan are whistling through the corridors of the art building, which is the temporary home of the museum.

## UNLESS MR. CLEVELAND.

UNLESS Mr. Cleveland is very expeditious, his Hawaiian "comp d'etat" will not be matured before the close of the present term of congress. Then look out for a roasting.

## FRIENDSHIP.

FRIENDSHIP, the slayer of Mayor Harrison, evidently objects to having a valet. He seems determined, by talking in court, to lie on his own hempen cravat.

## ONE SOUTHERN INDUSTRY.

ONE southern industry seems to be reviving. Two negroes have been lynched in the past two days in Alabama.

## SHE DID NOT LOVE

Gaylord B. Davidson's Young Bride's Neglect

## DROVE HIM TO A DIVORCE SUIT

They Have Been Married But Three Months—His Tale of the Woes of His Union.

Gaylord B. Davidson has applied for a divorce in the circuit court from Edna L. Davidson, who has been his bride for three short months. The bill alleges that the Rev. Mr. Wright of Potosi, married them September 5, 1903, in the village of Potosi. The next day they came to Grand Rapids to live, as Mr. Davidson had a good position offered him here. He failed for some reason to get the place, but succeeded in getting a good position as clerk in the Hotel McKinnon at Cadillac. He went to Cadillac and made all arrangements to have his wife follow him. She did not follow, however, and when he returned to his room in the Winiger block she refused to live with him and refused to accompany him to Cadillac. The result was he threw up the job and again tried to find work here. He was unsuccessful and was getting discouraged, when he secured the clerkship of the Occidental hotel in Muskegon. Before he went away, his wife partly promised to accompany him, but when he had all arrangements made she refused to go. This position paid him \$80 per month and his board, but he gave it up and came back to this city. His brother, Elmer Davidson, is manager of a hotel at Sopchewee, Florida, and offered to take Gaylord in as assistant manager, but Mrs. Davidson refused to leave her mother and absolutely refused to live with him any more. He alleges that from the first day of their wedded life Edna has been moose and refused to do her part in maintaining a home. He dressed her well, in fact, better than most women in their station in life. He is at a loss to know why his wife will not live with him. He has grown tired of trying to coax her to do so, and now asks for a separation.

## AMUSEMENT NOTES.

"McCarthy's Mishaps" amused a small audience in The Powers' last night; that is the clever specialties did. The dialogue becomes beautiful by less as the years roll by, which is fortunate; and the variety features become more pronounced, which is most fortunate when done by bright people. Margaret Ferguson, a daughter of the star, did some fine dancing and contortion work, which was marvelous for a girl, making a hit. J. W. Wilson and Bertha Waring were seen to advantage in a neat sketch. Harry Maxwell's topical songs caught the house. Carrie Behr danced as lightly and sang as sweetly as when she played one of the original daughters in "Adonis," that was—well, some time ago. Barney Reynolds' years—he must be 15—have not effected the pleasing qualities of his imitations. Mr. Ferguson was himself, the balance of the cast fair.

Nym Crinkle the well-known critic and essayist considers the singer Sale vini and romanticism as follows: "Who ever has seen Fletcher as Ruy Blas or young Salvini as Don Caesar or Artagnan will acknowledge the warm glow of all the faculties as the eye and ear followed the full blarney of the broad music—the splendid daring, the heroic heroism, the pomp and pagantry of a bygone time. I think we all like to have our jubilation under stained glass and not in the study."

Sol Smith Russell ended his engagement at Daly's theatre one week ago. The critics were more friendly to him than they were on his previous appearances in the metropolitan. The honoree, sat down upon "A Peaceful Valley" and knifed Clyde Fitch's "April Showers" unmercifully. The engagement was moderately successful from a financial standpoint. Mr. Russell will take the road into March, when he will go to Europe with his family and take a long vacation.

A meager audience greeted the Temple quartet in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, thoroughly enjoying the excellent program. Perhaps their best number, Buck's "The Signal Sounds," rendered magnificently. Miss Edridge created a favorable impression by her fine reading of Bunser's "Sister Scheme." She has a fine stage presence, delicate dramatic instinct and enunciates clearly.

Tomorrow night "The Spider and Fly," with its host of shapely women, gorgeous costumes, clever acrobats and bewildering scenic effects, will open a week's stay in The Grand. The advance agent avers that the ballet is the youngest on the road.

"Lady Windermere's Fan," Oscar Wilde's great social drama, will be seen in The Powers' December 18. Evelyn Campbell appears as Lady Windermere, and Virginia Harned as Mrs. Erynn.

The London Belles Burlesque company will close a fairly successful week in Smith's with two performances today. They will be followed by a straight vaudeville bill.

Admirers of sensational realism have but two more opportunities of seeing "The Torpedo," the engagement closing in The Grand tonight.

## SOMEWHAT PERSONAL.

That hoary old chestnut relative to the ownership of this paper has been launched upon the public again—this time from Grand Rapids, in the statement that "E. N. Dingley of the Kalamazoo Telegraph and Saginaw Evening News" was to purchase a Grand Rapids newspaper.

The above statement is misleading. Mr. Dingley is not of The Saginaw Evening News, and has not been for a long time. He was one of the stockholders in the company that purchased The News in 1901, but was not even then in control of the property. Some time since, however, he disposed of his interest and it is now controlled absolutely by the present management. This statement is due as much to Editor Dingley as to the owners of the paper.—Saginaw Evening News.

## HOTEL GOSSIP.

Judge Allen B. Morse, United States consul to Glasgow, was a guest in The Morton yesterday. Judge Morse intended to sail for Glasgow December 16, but has asked for an extension of his leave of absence for ten days, as the Ethiopia, the steamer he intends to sail on, will not start until December 21.

Mortimer E. Cooley, professor of mechanical engineering in the University of Michigan, and F. C. Wagner, assistant professor, are guests in The Morton. They are in the city to make the final

test of the new Grakill pump, which the city purchased last winter. Prof. Cooley has made two preliminary tests of the pump, but this one will be final. It will take three days to make the test. Five students in the mechanical engineering department of the university arrived last night and will assist Prof. Cooley and Prof. Wagner in taking data for the test.

Dudley O. Watson of Coopersville, collector of customs at the port of Grand Haven, was a guest in The Morton yesterday.

Jackson Coon, a prominent Rockford merchant, is a guest in The Morton.

Monroe J. L. Hubbell, Belling; Alfred Hudson, Baginaw; M. Brown, Big Rapids; A. B. Morse, Ionia; J. T. Patton, Detroit.

Swear—M. E. Haskell, Traverse City; E. J. Richardson, Bay City; James A. Crozes, Monticello; A. R. Tobey, Clinton; S. H. Tobey, Stanton; L. T. Raymond, Detroit.

New Livingston—J. B. Nyark, Holland; R. G. Lamoreaux, Fruitport; A. P. Hunter, Lowell; J. R. Wylie, Potosi; H. W. Gardner, Battle Creek; W. E. Nagler, Howard City.

East—J. A. Webb, Baginaw; M. Thayer, Hastings; A. J. Nichols, Detroit; William Leister, Grattan; W. W. Eaton, Jackson; J. A. Finnegan, Detroit.

Ken—G. B. Tuthill, Cadillac; E. F. Moore, Lansing; A. L. Coulter, Charlevoix; G. W. Matteson, Middleville; G. R. Stevens, Bellaire; C. P. Friend, Lake Odessa.

Bridge Street—C. G. Miller, Sand Lake; D. C. Gillett, Lansing; D. L. Key, Rockford; C. H. McInnis, White Cloud; F. E. Slater, Coopersville; Neal Stewart, Oakfield.

Clarendon—R. C. Hatheway, Pokagon; J. J. Wood, Lansing; J. H. Nichols, Holly; A. J. Boorum, Sparta; N. L. Waters, Spring Lake; H. J. Dudley, Fremont.

## RICH IS DISAPPOINTED.

Contributions for Mine Sufferers Far Too Small.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 8.—Governor Rich is disappointed over the comparatively small contributions for the relief of the upper peninsula miners. "We have not nearly enough," said he, "to save the miners from starving, and the contributions are coming very slowly. I am very much afraid that even such enthusiasm as exists will die away, and the contributions, as a consequence, stop altogether. This would be a very unfortunate thing, and unless conditions change we shall have to take some new action at once. It must be remembered that this situation is a pressing one and that we cannot wait for belated contributions."

"That is the principal reason why I think it necessary to issue a second proclamation, though I shall confer with the committee before taking such action. I have written to General Alger asking if it will be convenient for me to meet him and the committee in Detroit on Monday or Tuesday next week. Then I shall know positively how to proceed."

"You may state positively that I shall not use an extra moment of the legislature until all other expedients have been tried and found wanting. I shall not hesitate to do so if the necessity exists. I have been criticised for not visiting the upper peninsula in person. I am ready to do so at any minute, should it be deemed advisable, but as yet before it was agreed that the committee should first go and then report to me. After that it will be an easy matter for me to make the visit."

## CHAZED WITH LIQUOR.

Calhoun Tried to Kill His Wife and A. H. Watts.

MARSHALL, Mich., Dec. 8.—David Calhoun, locomotive engineer on the Cincinnati, Jackson, Mackinaw railroad, while under the influence of liquor last night, told his wife he would kill her, and seizing his revolver attempted to carry out his threats. Mrs. Calhoun ran to a neighbor's and escaped. Calhoun then went to the home of A. H. Watts, master mechanic of the road mentioned, and rapped at the door. Watts had just retired, but answered the knock. Calhoun immediately grabbed him by the throat and fired one shot, but missed him. The men then grappled and struggled for the possession of the revolver. Calhoun was master of the situation when Turney Gill appeared and quickly manacled the would-be murderer. Calhoun was reprimanded yesterday by Watts for not taking proper care of his locomotive. He is a man of ungovernable temper and was crazed with drink at the time.

## STRIKING MINERS RETURN.

The Pay Roll Was Squared and the Men Went to Work.

ISHPENING, Mich., Dec. 8.—The Winthrop miners, who have been out on a strike for the past ten days, have returned to work. Wednesday the pay roll for July month was squared, this being in accordance with the agreement under which they were working since the mine resumed under its present management. This seemed to satisfy the men, and on Thursday they decided to return to work under the old wage agreement, foregoing their demand for an increase. At present there are about 1,800 men employed at the mine in and about this city. The Lake Superior has 500; Lake Angeline, 400; Winthrop, 375; Salisbury, 175, and the Cleveland, Lake and Pardo have 100 or over. The estimated number of idle men in Ishpening at present is between 300 and 400.

## Planigan He-Killed.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 8.—The sixth annual state convention of the Michigan Federation of Labor closed here today. Detroit has been selected as the next place of meeting. This morning officers were elected: President, John D. Planigan, Grand Rapids; first vice president, H. C. Barter, Detroit; second vice president, F. Cook, Chelobogon; third vice president, John Brown, Battle Creek; secretary and treasurer, William Crowe, Detroit.

## Arrested for a Serious Crime.

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 8.—Frank Mosher, who was released from the county jail at Coldwater yesterday on the condition that he would give bond in support of his sentence for non-support, was at once arrested on a complaint of Augustus Willis on a charge of adultery with his wife, Mrs. Phoebe Willis, of this city. He is in jail here awaiting examination. Mrs. Willis is sick and, but will be arrested as soon as she recovers.

## Judge Long's Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—It is expected that several months will elapse before the pension case of Judge Long of Michigan, against Commissioner of Pensions Lochren, will be on trial. The case may, however, be made speed and brought before the court at any time.

The petition to close the Almon post-office hereby has been signed by 1,115 persons. The metallic refrigerator factory at Battle Creek may be removed to Mar-

## HE RODE TOO FAST

Assistant Fire Marshal Criticized for Carelessness.

## GIVEN PAY FOR THREE WEEKS

He Could Have Avoided Monroe Street and Thus Avoided Danger—Court Losers to Be Regulated.

Commissioner Ketchum and President Leightner were absent from the meeting of the board of police and fire commissioners yesterday, so Commissioner Reader occupied the chair. Several important matters came before the board, one being the report of the finance committee regarding the petition of Assistant Marshal Baxter for two-thirds pay for eight weeks, during which he was laid up with injuries received while riding to a fire. The report censured Mr. Baxter severely, and stated that he could have reported for duty in three weeks, as well as to wait eight. Another important action was a resolution calling for the removal of loungers from the corridors of the police building while court is in session.

Marshal Lemois reported it quiet in his department. On Thursday evening, at the time one of Mr. Harrison's houses burned, the foreman found the alarm box keyhole stopped up. The fire was supposed to have been incendiary.

Superintendent Carr reported all quiet. There has been \$2 days lost in the past five days among the patrolmen on account of sickness.

Martin O'Mara applied for a position on the police force. Referred to the committee on men and discipline.

James Pelton of Burnips Corners, presented a bill for damages to his rig, caused as he claims by the negligence of a fireman. He claims that he was driving on South Division street when a fireman who was flushing a hydrant allowed a large stream to be projected against his horse. The animal started to run away, but was captured after colliding with a street car. Referred to the finance committee.

Bergant Webb asked for leave of absence. Referred to the committee on men and discipline.

Police Matron Haggart reported three arrests which came under her supervision. May Collins, the first case, expressed a desire to reform and was taken to the Emerson home. She remained there three days and then disappeared. The other two were common cases of drunkenness. Placed on file.

Marshal Lemois reported having transferred Lieut. John Mason from hook and ladder company No. 3 to same position in steamer company No. 3.

Lieut. Frank Penn was transferred from steamer company No. 3 to captain of No. 3 hook and ladder company in place of Captain Rowley, deceased. Referred to the committee on men and discipline.

Marshal Lemois asked that the following men be confirmed in the fire department: Andrew Peterson, John O'Neill, Peter DeBoer and William Attil.

R. C. Sessions reported a claim against S. A. Pelton, clerk in police headquarters. All parties will be summoned before the board one week from next Friday to make their statements.

The following bills were allowed: Pay roll, \$5,693.38; Butterworth & Lowe, \$312; B. F. McReynolds, \$50; E. Bajema, \$250; D. W. Gallup, \$18.50; C. E. Hall, \$10; H. O. Houghton & Co., \$4; Spring & Co., \$15; Granite Stone company, \$153.30; fire pay roll, \$8,591.03; Butterworth & Lowe, \$13.00; B. F. McReynolds, \$50; Harring Alwood, \$4.63; Smith & Hicks, \$7.50; Rempe & Gallmeyer, \$41.25; U. S. Springer, \$33.33; O. C. Heyman, \$3.65; Studley & Barclay, \$3.65; R. E. Richard, \$3.65; M. Kinsey, \$38.30; S. G. Ketchum, \$5.75.

The finance committee reported that Assistant Fire Marshal Solon W. Baxter had not used proper caution in riding down Monroe street at the time his horse fell and injured him. The committee therefore recommended that Mr. Baxter receive two-thirds pay for three weeks instead of the eight weeks he had asked for. The committee was of the opinion that Mr. Baxter could have reported for duty in three weeks. The report was adopted.

Commissioner Withey called attention to the fact that the heads of departments have a great deal of writing to do, and suggested that if stenographers could be employed a half day at a time, it would be a good thing. The matter was referred to the finance committee to report what it would cost to get such a stenographer. Commissioner Withey also called attention to the fact that when interesting trials were in progress in police court, the corridors were filled with loungers. He moved that the superintendent be ordered to keep all loungers from the corridors of the building at all times. The resolution was adopted.

## STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.

When Governor McKinley states that the success of the Wilson bill means a revolution, and wages will be cut 50 per cent, he knows whereof he affirms. No man in the United States has given the subject of the tariff such thorough and patient investigation, and no one is better qualified to speak as to its result. As he says, "It is a good bill for Europe and a bad one for the United States."—Saginaw Courier-Herald.

According to democratic doctrine everything the farmer produces comes under the head of raw material, and everything that is "raw" must go on the free list. The farmer constitutes the strongest element in American politics, as the next democratic candidate for president will discover, much to his sorrow.—Bay City Tribune.

The Illinois naval militia is to be given the brick and tin battle ship Illinois with all her wooden guns. This will relieve many Chicago mammaes of a harassing terror lest a too indulgent paternal government might give their boys a real floating ship of some kind and guns that might go off and hurt them.—Boys' Citizens.

The fact that senators and representatives will come under the income tax by receiving a \$5,000 salary, will prevent the passage of a bill taxing individual incomes, should one be reported.—Van Buren County Republican.

## City of Flint Said.

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 8.—Said has been begun by Mary Moutier of Pontiac, \$10,000 damages against the city of Flint. In October last Miss Moutier was here visiting friends. One evening she and some lady friends went to a neighbor's to spend the evening. On her way home she fell upon a defective sidewalk and broke her left leg.



Our eight-year-old Whisky, full quarts, at 75 cents a bottle, is a sure cure for the grip.

Boys' Double Mittens 15c.  
We are giving away Free Hot Coffee, with cream, to introduce our Instantaneous Coffee Pot.

## Black Moire Silks—

We have them at 97c and \$1.25. You will pay \$2 in some stores.

## Knit Goods are selling now—

Ladies and Children's Mittens 10c, 15c and 25c.  
Children's Extra Heavy Fleece Hose, all sizes, 12c.  
Ladies' Opera Hose, in colors, 15c, down from 25c.

## Dress Goods—

15c a yard for your choice of a lot of Double Fold Dress Goods, down from 25c to close out.  
Arnold's Extra Wide and Heavy Prints at 6 1/4c a yard, former price 12 cents.

## Grocery Department—

The Grocery Department offers Swift's Hams at 8 1/4c a pound.  
Cottosuet at 30c a pail.  
8 pounds Dried Currents for 25c.  
20-pound pails of Jelly at 50c.  
Voigt Milling Co.'s Flour, quality guaranteed, 35 cents for a sack of 25 pounds.

Nowhere else in Grand Rapids can Christmas presents be bought for less money.

**MORSE'S,**  
THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND.

**IF WE WERE ASKED TO TELL**

What pervades the heart and mind of every youngster in the state of Michigan today, unhesitatingly we would reply, thoughts of

## HAND SLEIGHS AND COASTERS

and if we were asked what kind of Hand Sleigh and what kind of coaster seems the favorite, as unhesitatingly we would say,

BUY PRIESTLY HAND SLEIGHS!  
BUY PRIESTLY COASTERS!

If you wish to receive value for the money expended. Why? Because they are handsome, perfect in finish, durable and cheap. They are everything a Hand Sleigh or Coaster should be. Don't wait until the hustle and bustle of Christmas week, but take time by the fetlock, as it were, and take a sled home for your youngster.

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